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In re Application of :
Hajime Saito et al. :
Application No. 10/660,472 : DECISION NOTING JOINDER
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Attorney Docket No. 09867/0200009-US0 : UNDER 37 CFR 1.47 (a) MOOT

Papers filed on April 16, 2004 in response to a "Decision Refusing Status Under 37 CFR 1.47 (a)," mailed February 26, 2004, included a Declaration signed by previously nonsigning inventor Takao Tada in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63.

In view of the joinder of the inventor, further consideration under 37 CFR 1.47 (a) is moot; this application does not have any rule 1.47 (a) status and no such status should appear on the file wrapper. This application need not be returned to this office for any further consideration under 37 CFR 1.47 (a).

This application is being forwarded to Technology Center AU 3713 for examination in due course.

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